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news media shall be entitled to a reduced assessment of charges only when the request is for the purpose of disseminating information.

(3) All other requesters. The Commission shall charge requesters who do not fit into any of the categories above fees which cover the full, reasonable direct cost of searching for and reproducing records that are responsive to the request, pursuant to §§0.467 and 0.465 above, except that the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time shall be furnished without charge.

(b)(1) The 100 page restriction on assessment of reproduction fees in paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section refers to 100 paper copies of a standard size, which will normally be "8½ × 11" or "11 × 14," or microfiche containing the equivalent of 100 pages or 100 pages of computer printout. Requesters will not be entitled to 100 microfiche.

(2) When the agency reasonably believes that a requester or group of requesters is attempting to segregate a request into a series of separate individual requests for the purpose of evading the assessment of fees, the agency will aggregate any such requests and assess charges accordingly.

(c) When a requester believes he is entitled to a restricted fee assessment pursuant to paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3), of this section, or a waiver pursuant to paragraph (e) of this section, the requester must include, in his original FOIA request, a statement explaining with specificity, the reasons demonstrating that he/she qualifies for a restricted fee or a fee waiver. Included in this statement should be a certification that the information will not be used to further the commercial interests of the requester.

NOTE: Anyone requesting a restricted fee must submit the request directly to the Commission and not to the contractor who will provide documents only at the contract price.

(d) If the Commission reasonably believes that a commercial interest exists, based on the information provided pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the requester shall be so notified and given an additional 5 working days to provide further information to justify receiving a restricted fee. During

this time period, the materials will be available for inspection to the extent that the time period exceeds the 10 or 20 day time period for responding to FOIA requests, as appropriate.

(e) Copying, search and review charges shall be waived or reduced by the General Counsel, when "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

(f) The Commission shall not assess any fees if the routine cost of collecting the fee would be equal to or greater than the fee itself.

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PLACES FOR MAKING SUBMITTALS OR REQUESTS, FOR FILING APPLICATIONS, AND FOR TAKING EXAMINATIONS

§0.471 Miscellaneous submittals or requests.

Persons desiring to make submittals or requests of a general nature should communicate with the Secretary of the Commission.

[36 FR 15121, Aug. 13, 1971]

§0.473 Reports of violations.

Reports of violations of the Communications Act or of the Commission's rules and regulations may be submitted to the Commission in Washington or to any field office.

[32 FR 10578, July 19, 1967]

§0.475 Applications for employment.

Persons who wish to apply for employment should communicate with the Associate Managing Director-Personnel Management.

(Secs. 4(i), 303(n), Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(n); 47 CFR 0.231(d))

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§0.481 Place of filing applications for radio authorizations.

For locations for filing applications, and appropriate fees, see §§1.1102-1.1105 of this chapter.

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